

Success Story 1 – The community beautician – helping village brides

Priyanka is 28 years old and lives in a small village of Khoi, Chitrakoot. She along with her kid now stays with her parents, after separation with the husband. When she came back to her father Mr. Vijay kr. Gupta, who owns a small tea and sweets shop in khoi, she clearly stated, “I will not be a burden on you, I will do a job and raise my kid”.

There was no alternative for her, back at the village to learn some skills, from which an earning could be made. Her father suggested her to join Vocational Training at “Mahila Samiti” and supported her with the fees.

Leaving her kid alone with the parents she walked 7—8 Km daily to reach Mahila Samiti to fulfil her dream of supporting her family.

She mentions that she has always been an introvert when it came to meet people or to commute places. *“my hands used to shake, when I came back to my father’s house after separation. I wasn’t able to hold anything in my hand due to lack of confidence. I was devastated with the separation. But when I came here at Mahila Samiti, I developed confidence. I worked Hard even though I had a doubt whether I will be able to complete the course or not. My trainers helped me a lot with my overall development. Now I do threading of the eye brows with my steady hands which used to shake once. I have learned a lot from here, not only the beautician course but I have understood how to become self-reliant, self-sufficient.”*

She has returned the amount of fees she took from her father for the course, she supports her family with additional income of 2500-3000 INR per month from the works she gets in her village, for the bridal makeup, haircut, threading etc. Her kid studies in 4th standard in the village. She now takes care of the other 5 siblings also and motivates her sisters to join the various courses.

“Every female should study and learn the skills which could support them to be independent and stand on their own feet.”

